



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 452***

LCO No. 3256



Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:  
(APP)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT AND  
MOHEGAN FUND.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 3-55i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

3 (a) There is established the "Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan  
4 Fund" which shall be a separate nonlapsing fund. All funds received by  
5 the state of Connecticut from the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe pursuant  
6 to the joint memorandum of understanding entered into by and  
7 between the state and the tribe on January 13, 1993, as amended on April  
8 30, 1993, and any successor thereto, shall be deposited in the General  
9 Fund. [During the fiscal year] For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015,  
10 [and each fiscal year thereafter] to June 30, 2022, inclusive, from the  
11 funds received by the state from the tribe pursuant to said joint  
12 memorandum of understanding, as amended, and any successor  
13 thereto, an amount equal to the appropriation to the Mashantucket  
14 Pequot and Mohegan Fund for Grants to Towns shall be transferred to  
15 the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund, [and shall be distributed

16 by the Office of Policy and Management, during said fiscal year, in  
 17 accordance with the provisions of section 3-55j.] For the fiscal year  
 18 ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year thereafter, one hundred forty-  
 19 six million dollars of the funds deposited in the General Fund pursuant  
 20 to this subsection and the memorandum of understanding entered into  
 21 by and between the state and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of  
 22 Connecticut on May 17, 1994, as amended from time to time, shall be  
 23 transferred from the General Fund to the Mashantucket Pequot and  
 24 Mohegan Fund. During each fiscal year, the Office of Policy and  
 25 Management shall make distributions from the Mashantucket Pequot  
 26 and Mohegan Fund as follows: (1) To municipalities in accordance with  
 27 the provisions of section 3-55j; (2) ten million dollars to the Department  
 28 of Economic and Community Development for a state-wide marketing  
 29 campaign featuring tribal casino gaming; and (3) three thousand dollars  
 30 to each of the three tribes identified as The Schaghticoke, the Paucatuck  
 31 Eastern Pequot and the Golden Hill Paugussett.

32 (b) The amount of the grant payable to each municipality during any  
 33 fiscal year, in accordance with said section, shall be reduced  
 34 proportionately if the total of such grants exceeds the amount of funds  
 35 available for such year. The grant shall be paid in three installments as  
 36 follows: The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall,  
 37 annually, not later than the fifteenth day of December, the fifteenth day  
 38 of March and the fifteenth day of June certify to the Comptroller the  
 39 amount due each municipality under the provisions of section 3-55j and  
 40 the Comptroller shall draw an order on the Treasurer on or before the  
 41 fifth business day following the fifteenth day of December, the fifth  
 42 business day following the fifteenth day of March and the fifth business  
 43 day following the fifteenth day of June and the Treasurer shall pay the  
 44 amount thereof to such municipality on or before the first day of  
 45 January, the first day of April and the thirtieth day of June.

46 (c) The transfers from the General Fund to the Mashantucket Pequot  
 47 and Mohegan Fund required by subsection (a) of this section shall not  
 48 be reduced except upon (1) submission to the General Assembly by the  
 49 Governor of a certification of an emergency requiring such reduction;

50 and (2) a vote of at least two-thirds of the members of each house of the  
51 General Assembly approving such reduction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	3-55i
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To change the requirements for the distribution of funds deposited into the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*